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### President Obama's Statement on Syria



"The future of Syria must be determined by its people, but President Bashar al-Assad is standing in their way. His calls for dialogue and reform have rung hollow while he is imprisoning, torturing, and slaughtering his own people. We have consistently said that President Assad must lead a democratic transition or get out of the way. He has not led. For the sake of the Syrian people, the time has come for President Assad to step aside."

بيان الرئيس أوباما عن الوضع في سوريا

### Secretary Clinton on the Situation in Syria

"As President Obama said this morning, no outside power can or should impose on this transition. It is up to the Syrian people to choose their own leaders in a democratic system based on the rule of law and dedicated to protecting the rights of all citizens, regardless of ethnicity, religion, sect, or gender."

## **Secretary Clinton on Attacks in Southern Israel**



"The United States condemns today's attacks in southern Israel and all acts of terrorism in the strongest terms. These brutal and cowardly attacks appear to be premeditated acts of terrorism against innocent civilians. Our deepest condolences go out to the victims, their families and loved ones."

## **White House Condemns Attacks in Southern Israel**



We condemn the brutal terrorist attacks in southern Israel today in the strongest terms. Our deepest condolences go to the victims, their families and loved ones, and we wish those injured a speedy recovery... we hope that those behind this attack will be brought to justice swiftly.

## Middle East Quartet on New Housing Units in East Jerusalem



The following statement was issued by the Middle East Quartet (United Nations, Russian Federation, United States, and European Union):

The Quartet is greatly concerned by Israel's recent announcements to advance planning for new housing units in Ariel and East Jerusalem, and reiterates its position in this regard, in particular its statement of March 12, 2010. The Quartet reaffirms that unilateral action by either party cannot prejudice the outcome of negotiations and will not be recognized by the international community. Jerusalem in particular is one of the core issues that must be resolved through negotiations between the parties, which underscores the urgent need for the parties to resume serious and substantive talks. This comes at a critical juncture with Quartet efforts ongoing to resume negotiations which are the only way to a just and durable solution to the conflict. The Quartet is determined to pursue its efforts. Ultimately, it is up to Israeli and Palestinian leaders to make tough decisions and avoid actions by their governments that undermine the very goals they and we are trying to achieve.

### بيان رباعية الشرق الأوسط عن بناء وحدات سكنية جديدة في القدس الشرقية

أصدرت البيان التالي رباعية الشرق الأوسط (الأمم المتحدة، الاتحاد الروسي، الولايات المتحدة والاتحاد الأوروبي):

تشعر الرباعية بقلق بالغ من تصريحات إسرائيل الأخيرة بالمضي قدما في التخطيط لبناء وحدات سكنية جديدة في أرييل والقدس الشرقية؛ وتؤكد مجددا موقفها بهذا الخصوص، لا سيما بيانها الصادر في 12 آذار/مارس، 2010. إن الرباعية تؤكد مجددا أن الإجراءات الأحادية من جانب أي من الطرفين لا يجوز أن تجحف بنتيجة المفاوضات ولن تعترف بها الأسرة الدولية. إن القدس بوجه خاص هي إحدى القضايا الجوهرية التي ينبغي حلها عن طريق المفاوضات بين الطرفين، مما يبين الحاجة الماسة لكي يستأنف الطرفان محادثات جدية وجوهرية. وهذا الحدث يأتي في مرحلة حرجة للغاية فيما تمضي جهود الرباعية لاستئناف المفاوضات التي تظل السبيل الوحيد لتسوية عادلة ودائمة للنزاع.

إن الرباعية مصممة على متابعة جهودها. والأمر، في نهاية المطاف، متروك للزعما الإسرائيليين والفلسطينيين لبتخاذوا القرارات الصعبة ويتفادوا أي إجراءات من جانب حكومتهم من شأنها أن تقوض الأهداف نفسها التي نحاول، هم ونحن، تحقيقها.

## American Consul General Participates in the Opening Ceremony of PSD Center in Tubas



On August 16, 2011, Partners in Sustainable Development (PSD), in partnership with the Al-Quds Open University in Tubas, organized a "Ramadan Evening" as part of the "Ramadan Tent Project," supported by the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein and Tubas Governor Marwan Tubasi attended the event. Representatives from different sectors in the district also attended the event.

In his speech, Director of the Tubas Education Bureau Dr. Nidal Abdel Ghafour stated: "The Education and Community Development Center, established in cooperation with PSD, marks the start of a unique and ambitious project – NET KETABI – which aims at developing the quality of education and modernizing it to meet the requirements of this age."

American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein thanked PSD and the Al-Quds Open University, and expressed appreciation for the work of devoted volunteers who made sure the evening was a success. "The opening of the new PSD branch here in Tubas is clear evidence of the many success stories this organization has achieved so far," said Consul General Rubinstein.

### القنصل الامريكي العام يشارك في افتتاح مركز مؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة في محافظة طوباس

طوباس/16-8-2011 نظمت مؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة يوم امس وبالشراكة مع جامعة القدس المفتوحة في محافظة طوباس امسية رمضانية ضمن فعاليات مشروع خيمة رمضان الممول من القنصلية الامريكية العامة في القدس. حضر الامسية كل من القنصل الامريكي العام السيد دانيال روبنستن ومدير المنطقة التعليمية في طوباس الدكتور نضال عبد الغفور ومحافظ محافظة طوباس السيد مروان الطوباسي ورئيس البلدية السيد عقاب دراغمة ومدير مؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة السيد جواد ابو عون وممثلين عن قطاعات مجتمعية مختلفة.

في كلمته قال مدير منطقة طوباس التعليمية الدكتور نضال عبد الغفور "ان مركز التعليم والتنمية المجتمعية الذي تم انشائه بالتعاون مع مؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة يشكل بداية لمشروع نوعي وطموح وهو نت كتابي الذي يهدف الى النهوض بالعملية التعليمية والارتقاء بها واخراجها من حالة الجمود ونقلها الى تعلم نوعي يتلائم ومتطلبات العصر."

من جانبه اعرب القنصل الامريكي العام السيد دانيال روبنستن عن شكره لجامعة القدس المفتوحة وكامل امتنانه للمتطوعين الشباب المخلصين الذين عملوا بجهد لانجاح هذا الافطار والنشاطات الاخرى واضاف " ان افتتاح فرع جديد لمؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة هنا في محافظة طوباس لهو دليل واضح على النجاحات التي حققتها المؤسسة."

وقد شكرا المدير التنفيذي لمؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المستدامة السيد جواد ابو عون القنصلية الامريكية العامة ممثلة بسعادة القنصل العام دانيال روبنستن على دعمهم الدائم والمتواصل لمؤسسة شركاء في التنمية المجتمعية وقطاعات المجتمع المحلي المختلفة والذي اعلن بدوره عن انطلاق مشروع نت كتابي في محافظة طوباس حيث سيبدأ العمل على التدريب على اجهزة نت كتابي وتوزيع الاجهزة في المحافظة ومناطق الاغوار الشمالية.



## **MEPI Jerusalem Local Grant Competition**

- The MEPI local grant projects promote greater freedom and opportunity for people in the region by helping partners carry out their innovative project ideas. These grants are also successful in expanding the role of civil society in identifying local challenges and finding the best solutions to them at the community level.

Palestinian applicants, including individuals and non-governmental organizations (NGO's), should apply directly to the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. More information on local grant projects is listed below.

[Local Grant Summaries](#)

[About the Program](#)

[Guidebook for Local Grant Applicants](#) (PDF 1.6 MB)

**Submissions should be emailed to [MEPIJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:MEPIJerusalem@state.gov) no later than August 21, 2011.**

**Please click here for more info: [http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/about\\_the\\_program.html](http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/about_the_program.html)**

- **[NEW!](#)** Calling all organizations interested in funding from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), including MEPI. Read this [PDF instruction booklet](#) then take the questionnaire to see if your organization is a good fit for future NEA funding in the areas of political and economic development, democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, and much more! NEA will notify you if your organization might be considered for future funding through this opportunity.

Don't wait to tell us about your work... This opportunity closes on **SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

- [MEPI has launched its first ever Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#) to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at [mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov](mailto:mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov)

- **The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the Academic Year 2012 - 2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**

The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the academic year 2012-2013 Hubert Humphrey Fellowship. This program provides mid-career Palestinians with an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in a specialized year of graduate level, non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities at selected U.S. universities. The program brings together professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Programs are individually designed to include coursework, independent projects, internships, consultations with U.S. experts, and special seminars. To learn more, please visit [www.humphreyfellowship.org](http://www.humphreyfellowship.org)

In addition to the pre-academic language training, the Humphrey program also offers a Long Term English Language Training (LTE) intensive English course of 20 to 25 weeks for candidates with a range of 440 – 500 TOEFL score. The LTE candidates begin their study program in the United States between January and March 2012 in preparation for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Deadline: September 25, 2011. Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

Applications should be submitted online at: <http://apply.embark.com/student/humphrey/fellowship/>

The following materials must be uploaded in addition to application:

Transcripts (including course listings and grades received) for each higher education degree received;

Recommendation form and letters;

English Language Assessment form

A copy of application should be send to following e-mail address: [exchanges@state.gov](mailto:exchanges@state.gov)

**Inquiries:**

West Bank/East Jerusalem residents: Tel: (02) 622-7107 or [exchanges@state.gov](mailto:exchanges@state.gov)

Gaza Residents: Tel: 08-2864-623 OR cell phone: 0599-677-317

- **The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** is pleased to announce the opening of its 2012-2013 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. The Center accepts non-advocacy, policy-relevant, fellowship proposals that address key challenges of past, present, and future issues confronting the United States and the world. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. The Center also supports projects that intersect with contemporary policy issues and provide the historical and/or cultural context for some of today's significant public policy issues. Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, Windows based personal computers, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, and part-time research assistants.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: [fellowships@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:fellowships@wilsoncenter.org).

You can apply online or download the application from the Center's website at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowshipapplication/>

**Deadline: October 1, 2011**

- **CRDF Global announces first Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) competition:**

Innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate in GIST's multinational technology idea competition. From July 1 through October 31, CRDF Global will accept two-minute video entries that present technological solutions to economic problems. Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected by popular vote on the GIST website and will receive coaching and training. In late 2011 an expert panel will award \$20,000 to the grand prize winner. The top 11 concepts will receive a total of \$60,000. Judges will look for individuals or teams who embrace risk from the GIST-eligible countries, which include the Middle East and North Africa. The idea should have market traction. The applicant must not have raised capital for the idea before, cannot be incorporated, and be willing to form a new company. Here is more information:

<http://gist.crdfglobal.org/gist-programs/regional-competitions>

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## Regional and International News

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## U.S. Department of State Special Representative to Muslim Communities Farah Pandith's Ramadan Message



“As the special representative to Muslim communities here at the U.S. Department of State, I want to wish Muslims around the world a joyous and reflective Ramadan... it always pleases me to see how Muslim communities around the world celebrate Ramadan in their unique and rich local traditions. It is one of the most enjoyable parts of my job. I strongly believe that together we can address the issues of common concern, whether it is the ongoing famine in the Horn of Africa, the dramatic transformations taking place in the Middle East, and the bridging of gaps of misunderstanding that plague people of different faiths and cultures. I wish all of you a blessed month of Ramadan, and I look forward to meeting you either in person or online in the coming year.”

Thank you!

السلام عليكم، ورمضان كريم! بصفتي الممثلة الخاصة لدى المجتمعات الإسلامية هنا في وزارة الخارجية،  
فإنني أتمنى للمسلمين حول العالم شهر رمضان حافلا بالبهجة والتأملات الروحية